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WASHINGTON, June 7.-After & four hours' conference of President This week only. Pictures apper- Taft Attorney-General Wichersham dents of the country, it is announced that an agreement has been arrived at whereby the railroads will submit for the present to the operation of the law just passed.

The railroad presidents agree to withdraw their proposed increase of rates, pending the railroad bill going into effect, empowering the interstate commerce commission to investigate all increases and decide as to their reasonableness.

President Taft announces that in view of this agreement on the part of the railroads, the government will withdraw its injunction suit, now pending in Chicago, to prevent the railroads from increasing rates.

SUCCEEDS NORTON.

WASHINGTON, June 7 .- A. Platt Princess Skating Andrew has been named to succeed Charles D. Norton as assistant secre-Andrew has been named to succeed tary of the department of the treasury. He is at present director of the

At the banquet of the American Therapeutic Society, on the occasion of its annual meeting in Washington recently, Dr. R. E. Wilcox of New York, a class-mate of President Taft at Yale, severely criticised the critics

"Some of President Taft's critics today are from the ranks of those who knew him best in the old days," said Dr. Wilcox, "Their criticisms are unjust and are based on misin. formation. The President's motives have been misjudged.

"When Presidest Taft was at Yale he was the most popular man in his class in his freshman year. His popularity grew with each succeeding year, and in his senior Yale he was the most popular man in the college. "Some seem to have forgotten that President Taft did not seek the office f President. He took it when the occasion arose, believing it to be his duty, and he sought to bring his judicial mind to bear on the solution of the problems that confront the country. If I could violate confidences could tell you many things that have been misrepresented in the public press. Wrong notions have gone abroad, but by the time he has been in the White House three years more the country will be ready to receive him again."

LONDON, May 27 .- Intense resent ment has been caused in Liberal circles by the revelation that a move. ment is on foot to exploit the mood of the nation resulting from the death of King Edward in the interests of conscription. The proposal is that the national memorial to Edward VII shall take the form of a voluntary demand on the part of the people for universal military service. It is argued by the promoters of the scheme that universal military service is not conscription and it would strengthen and consolidate the empire as nothing else can do, and thus make for righteousness and peace.'

The fact is disclosed that before the King died, a petition was in circulation praying his majesty to take a stand in favor of universal military service. Today the Liberal papers hotly denounce this petition, declaring that if the militarists think the quiet mood prevailing can be utilized to allay the political crisis by forcing the pace in the direction of conscription, they will be speedily disillusion_ Flat Ware ed. The matter seems likely, unless the petition is at once dropped, to provoke a national uproar.

Fine Job Printing, Star Office.

WASHINGTON, June 6 .- Reporting for New Jersey, the commissioner of corporations says New Jersey derived the greatest proportionate amount of taxes from corporations-92 per cent in 1909. The most important tax is the so-called "franchise tax" on "miscellaneous corporations." based on the par value of the capital stock, and applying to corporations chartered in New Jersey except those engaged in manufacturing and mining with more than 50 per cent of their business within the State.

LONDON, May 30,-Ex-President Roosevelt had an opportunity today to hear something of affairs in the United States. By appointment he met Senator Elihu Root, who is passing through London on his way to The Hague. Roosevelt and his former Secretary of State had a long talk at Embassador Reid's residence. Asked latter what interesting sub-

ject kept them together for so long

a time, Roosevelt laughingly replied:

"This is one of the cases in which I

must observe my usual reticence. Upon his arrival in Europe, Roosevelt wrote to Senator Root, asking the Senator to meet him. Acceptance of this invitation only came last night by wireless from the steamer Lapland, on which Root was tra-

Roosevelt early this evening made a call on Mrs. Humphry Ward, with whom he took tea. He dined with Lord Charles Beresford, whose guests included many or prominent citizens of the United States, Embassador Reid was present, as were Admiral Sir Edward Hobart Seymour, Admiral Sir Gerard Henry Noel, Vice-Admiral Sir Redworth Lambton, Lord Roberts, Lord Alverston and Lord

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United States District Attorney R. W. Breckons has received a cable from Washington which reopens John Wynne's appeal for a commutation and no movement will be made for carrying the sentence of hanging into effect until another report has been made to Washington. Wynne was to have been brought into the federal court next Monday for proceedings setting a date for his execution. Wynne's defense was undertaken by the engineers' association. The murder of which he was convicted was committed on board the steamer Rosecrans in Honolulu. He was drunk at the time.

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